The US coast guard proposal to share intelligence

795. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Coast Guard has invited its Indian counterpart to take part in an intelligence sharing programme that would involve real time coastal surveillance, using remote controlled spy planes to improve the maritime domain awareness of aligned nations; and

(b) if so, the details of the offer made by the US?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of defence university

796. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up a Defence University;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had entered into any Memorandum of Understanding with any University in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Committee on National Defence University recommended the establishment of an Indian National Defence University and inclusion of existing institutes namely National Defence College (Delhi), National Defence Academy (Pune), Institute of Defence Management (Secunderabad) and Defence Services Staff College (Wellington) and setting up of new institutes namely National Institute of Strategic Studies, College of National Security Policy, Institute for Advanced Technology Studies (Bangalore) within the ambit of the proposal University.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.